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Tēnā koe

Thank you for your email, received on 21 July 2026, to Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children (Oranga Tamariki) requesting additional information on the response that we sent to you on 13 December 2025 (our reference: OIA-CE-2024-02730). Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

- 1. How does your organisation define Māori data as opposed to non-Māori data?*
- 2. Does your organisation have Māori Data Sovereignty and or a Māori Data Governance policy or strategy? If yes, I request a copy.*
- 3. I also request a copy of your organisation Data Governance strategy/policy/policies?*
- 4. Has your organisation had with any success or no/limited success, implementation of any Māori Data Sovereignty Principles or Māori Data Governance? If yes, please provide details of the implementation and how you measured its success.*
- 5. How many .fte are allocated to Māori Data practices in your organisation?*
- 6. What country/countries are the majority of your organisation's data stored?*
- 7. Which Cloud Provider(s) do you use?*

Please be advised that for the above requests, Oranga Tamariki has no updated information to provide in response to these parts of your request. As such, our response to you dated 13 December 2025 still applies.

I have responded to each part of your new requests below.

- 1. A list of all artificial intelligence systems, machine learning models, and automated decision-making (ADM) tools currently in use, in procurement, or in pilot within the agency, including the name, purpose, vendor/developer, and date of deployment of each.*
- 2. A list of all generative AI tools approved for staff use, and copies of any internal policies or guidance governing staff use of*

generative AI.

Please find the information you have requested in Table One, enclosed within Appendix One of this letter. Please note that Table One provides the AI systems currently in use, being piloted, or in the process of being initiated at Oranga Tamariki.

Please also note that no automated decision-making (ADM) tools have been deployed at Oranga Tamariki.

Oranga Tamariki has published an 'Acceptable Use Policy for AI systems' in 2025. The policy is in the process of being updated to reflect the changing AI environment in the market and the changing use of AI. This document will be able to be shared once the policy has been updated and approved by Oranga Tamariki.

3. Copies of all Te Tiriti o Waitangi analyses, assessments, or advice prepared in relation to any AI or ADM system in use or in development, including the identity of who prepared them.

Oranga Tamariki has not initiated any Te Tiriti o Waitangi analyses, assessments, or advice prepared in relation to any AI or ADM system in use or in development.

This reflects the current scope of the Ministry's AI work, which is limited to the systems listed in response to question 2. Consistent with the response to question 5, Oranga Tamariki data, including Māori data and data about tamariki, rangatahi, or whānau, is not used to train, fine-tune, test, or operate any AI system, and no automated decision-making tools have been deployed. AI is used to assist kaimahi rather than to make or influence decisions affecting individuals.

Te Tiriti o Waitangi analyses, assessments will be considered as the Ministry's use of AI develops in the future.

4. Records of any engagement, consultation, or partnership with iwi, hapū, or Māori organisations regarding the design, procurement, deployment, or governance of AI or ADM systems, including dates, parties, and outcomes.

Oranga Tamariki has not initiated any engagements, consultation, or partnership initiated with iwi, hapū, or Māori regarding the design, procurement, deployment, or governance of AI or ADM systems.

As such, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

5. Any documents identifying whether Māori data (including data about Māori individuals, whānau, hapū, iwi, or mātauranga Māori) is used to train, fine-tune, test, or operate any AI system, and any governance arrangements applying to that data.

Oranga Tamariki data (including Māori data) is not being used to train, fine-tune, test, or operate any AI system within Oranga Tamariki. As such, no documents in scope exist.

As such, this part of your request is also refused under section 18(e) of the Act.

6. *Copies of any advice, briefings, or policies referencing Māori data sovereignty, Māori Data Governance, or WAI 2522 in relation to the agency's AI or ADM systems.*

Please note that no advice, briefings, or policies in relation to Māori data sovereignty, Māori Data Governance, or WAI 2522 in relation to AI or ADM systems at Oranga Tamariki have been prepared.

As such, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act.

7. *Copies of all Privacy Impact Assessments, Algorithmic Impact Assessments, human rights assessments, or equity analyses completed for any AI or ADM system, including any assessment of differential impacts on Māori.*

Please be advised that work to draft a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) for the use of Co-pilot by staff has been initiated and is in consideration by Oranga Tamariki. No other work has been initiated.

Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act.

Oranga Tamariki may make the information contained in this letter available to the public by publishing this on our website with your personal details removed.

I trust you find this information useful. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise them with Oranga Tamariki. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by contacting them on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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Appendix One

Table One: AI systems currently in use, being piloted, or in the process of being initiated at Oranga Tamariki.

System	Purpose and the problem it addresses	Inputs	Outputs
MS Copilot Chat	General purpose AI chat that provides basic integration with MS Office tools to support day to day activities such as meeting minutes, documentation generation assistance and summarisation. This helps to improve staff productivity.	MS Office documents specifically uploaded such as meeting transcripts. Or office documents that are open. And user prompts.	MS office documents and prompt responses including text, images, etc.
MS Copilot for Security	Provides functionality to support the analysis of cybersecurity events. This helps to improve staff productivity and enhances security effectiveness.	Various security repositories and user prompts.	Prompt responses including analysis.
MS Sentinel	Provides monitoring and analysis of very large volumes (millions) of cybersecurity logs from across the enterprise to identify threats.	SIEM logs from various applications, platforms, devices, network, etc.	Signals potential threats from analysis of the logs to security staff.
AI based tagging in Adobe Acrobat Pro	AI assists the tagging for PDF document for accessibility published on our website.	PDF documents in Acrobat Pro.	Tagged PDF documents
Databricks Assistant (Datawarehouse)	Assists the development of code for analysis and reporting that enhances staff productivity.	User prompts in the Databricks development tool.	Programming language code.
AI Agent for the Practice centre	Enables staff to easily access policy guidance from Ministry's websites;	User prompts in keywords on policy in the AI Agent.	Copilot based Agent

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	this in turn enables consistent practice, prioritising tamariki safety and saving kaimahi time. Currently this is implemented as a limited user pilot.		
MS 365 Copilot Enterprise	Same as “MS Copilot Chat” above but provides more seamless integration with MS Office tools, and greater access to internal information including SharePoint and OneDrive. Currently this is implemented as a limited user pilot; a wider release is subject to business case.	MS Office documents including SharePoint, emails, calendar, etc the user has rights to access.	MS office documents and prompt responses including text, images, etc.